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SUBJECT: TODMAN VISIT TO BRAZIL

FOLLOWING ARE SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS AT NOON BRIEFING MAY 16
ON TODMAN'S VISIT TO BRAZIL:

-----BEGIN TEXT: FRED, HAS MR. TODMAN ARRIVED BACK, AND
DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ABOUT HIS TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA?

A: MR. TODMAN IS NOT BACK YET. HE GETS BACK SOMETIME
TOMORROW AFTERNOON. HE IS PRESENTLY IN BOLIVIA. I DON'T
HAVE A DETAILED READ-OUT FROM HIS TRIP AS YET, AND
PERHAPS WE SHOULD WAIT UNTIL HE GETS BACK FOR THAT. I
PRESUME YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PERHAPS THE BRAZIL STOP,
ROBERTO.

Q: YES, I AM.

A: WE CONSIDER THAT THE RECEPTION GIVEN TO THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, CONTRARY TO SOME REPORTS I HAVE SEEN, WAS
ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE AND THAT THE VISIT WAS A SUCCESS.
BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN MINISTER SOVIETA,
RECEIVED ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN CORDIALLY AND GAVE
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VERY GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME. HIS OFFICIAL PROGRAM AND
RECEPTION WAS IN EVERY WAY CONSISTENT WITH THAT ACCORDED
OTHER ASSISTANT SECRETARIES FOR LATIN AMERICA IN THE PAST.

Q: HE DID NOT HAVE EXPECTATIONS HIGHER THAN THAT?

A: NO. ABSOLUTELY NOT. IT MET ALL OUR EXPECTATIONS.

Q: WHY DID HE NOT GO TO ARGENTINA?

A: THERE WAS A CANCELLATION OF THE COMMERCIAL FLIGHT AND A STATEMENT WAS RELEASED RIGHT AFTER THAT. I HAVE A COPY OF IT IN THE OFFICE ON THAT. THERE WAS ONLY ONE FLIGHT THAT HE COULD HAVE TAKEN TO MAKE HIS VISIT TO ARGENTINA POSSIBLE. IT WAS CANCELLED. HE IMMEDIATELY PUT OUT A STATEMENT, AND WE HAVE COPIES OF IT IN THE OFFICE WHICH EXPLAINS AND EXPRESSES HIS REGRET AT NOT BEING ABLE TO GO.

Q: COULD YOU TELL US WHAT TOPICS HE TOOK UP IN BRAZIL AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE GOT INTO THE NUCLEAR ISSUE?

A: HENRY, I CAN'T. I THINK WE'D BETTER WAIT UNTIL HE GETS BACK TO FIND OUT. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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